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## UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Under Small Entity Status  
(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.  
AB-131U

### TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Michael A. Faltys, entitled High Contact Count, Sub-miniature, Fully Implantable Cochlear Prosthesis, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

- ( ) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):  
( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional ( ) Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

Enclosed are:

- (X) Application Data Sheet 2 Total Sheet(s).  
( ) Request and Certification for Non-Publication \_\_\_\_\_ Total Sheet(s).  
(X) Specification; 27 Total Pages + cover sheet.  
(X) Drawing(s); 0 Total Sheets of formal drawings + 6 Total Sheets of informal drawings.

(X) Oath or Declaration:

- (X) A New Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:  
( ) Signed. (X) Unsigned. ( ) Partially Signed.  
( ) A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).  
( ) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.  
( ) Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

(X) Return Receipt Postcard.

### CLAIMS AS FILED

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Total Claims	32	12	\$9.00	\$108.00
Independent Claims	4	1	\$40.00	\$40.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (if applicable)				\$0.00
Assignment Recording Fee (if applicable)				\$0.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$355.00
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(X) Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

As this application is being filed with missing parts, do not charge any fees at this time. All filing fees, including surcharge, will be paid when the missing parts for the application are submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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